

CLAIMS

1. A collapsible luggage, comprising:

(a) a planar bottom formed of a substantially rigid material;

(b) four upright sides that are each hingedly attached at one end thereof to the planar bottom, and wherein each of the upright sides is adapted to pivot from a first upright position adapted for the transport of cargo in said collapsible luggage in which each of said upright sides is substantially perpendicular with respect to a plane of said planar bottom into a second collapsed position in which each of said upright sides is adjacent to and substantially parallel with respect to said plane of said planar bottom; and

(c) a planar top that is adapted to cover an opening on top of said collapsible luggage when said collapsible luggage is in said first position and in said second position.

2. The collapsible luggage of claim 1 wherein each of said upright sides includes a flexible corner intermediate an end of any two of said adjacent upright sides.

3. The collapsible luggage of claim 2 wherein each of said ends of each of said any two adjacent upright sides includes an angle that is not greater than forty five degrees when measured from a bottom edge of said upright side to said end.

4. The collapsible luggage of claim 2 wherein each flexible corner is made of a fabric.

5. The collapsible luggage of claim 2 wherein each flexible corner is made of a flexible material.

6. The collapsible luggage of claim 2 wherein each flexible corner includes means for separating said flexible corner into two halves.

7. The collapsible luggage of claim 6 wherein said means for separating said corner includes a zipper.

8. The collapsible luggage of claim 7 wherein said zipper is disposed in said flexible fabric.

9. The collapsible luggage of claim 1 wherein each adjacent pair of upright sides includes a corner and wherein said corner includes means for separating said corner into two halves.

10. The collapsible luggage of claim 9 wherein said means for separating said corner includes a zipper.

11. The collapsible luggage of claim 1 wherein said planar top is detachable with respect to a remainder of said collapsible luggage.

12. The collapsible luggage of claim 1 including means for retaining said planar top to said collapsible luggage.

13. The collapsible luggage of claim 12 wherein said means for retaining said planar top includes a first tie strap attached to said planar member and a second tie strap attached to a remainder of said collapsible luggage and wherein said first tie strap is adapted to be fastened to said second tie strap sufficient to retain said planar top.

14. The collapsible luggage of claim 12 wherein said means for retaining said planar top includes a first strap attached to said collapsible luggage at a location other than at said planar top and wherein said first strap includes fastening means adapted for securing said first strap to said planar top.

15. The collapsible luggage of claim 14 wherein said means for retaining said planar top includes a second strap attached to said collapsible luggage at a location other than at said planar top and at a location other than where said first strap is attached and wherein said second strap includes fastening means adapted for securing said second strap to said planar top.

16. The collapsible luggage of claim 14 wherein said fastening means includes a first half of a hook and loop fastener attached to said first strap and a second half of said hook and loop fastener attached to said planar top, wherein said first half and said second half are adapted to adhere together when pressed together.

17. The collapsible luggage of claim 15 wherein said fastening means includes a first half of a hook and loop fastener attached to said second strap and a second half of said hook and loop fastener attached to said planar top, wherein said first half and said second half are adapted to adhere together when pressed together.

18. The collapsible luggage of claim 1 including a first half of a perimeter zipper that is attached to at least a portion of said top and including a first corresponding second half of a perimeter zipper that is adapted to mate with said first half of a perimeter zipper and wherein said first corresponding second half of a perimeter zipper is attached to an upper edge of at least a portion of any of

said four upright sides sufficient to secure said top to at least one of said upright sides when said collapsible luggage is in said first upright position.

19. The collapsible luggage of claim 1 including a first half of a perimeter zipper that is attached to at least a portion of said top and including a second corresponding second half of a perimeter zipper that is adapted to mate with said first half of a perimeter zipper and wherein said second corresponding second half of a perimeter zipper is attached proximate a bottom edge of at least a portion of any of said four upright sides sufficient to secure said top to at least one of said bottom edge when said collapsible luggage is in said second collapsed position.

20. A collapsible luggage, comprising:

- (a) a planar bottom formed of a substantially rigid material;

- (b) four upright sides that are formed of a substantially rigid material and which are each hingedly attached at one end thereof to the planar

bottom, and wherein each of the upright sides is adapted to pivot from a first upright position adapted for the transport of cargo in said collapsible luggage in which each of said upright sides is substantially perpendicular with respect to a plane of said planar bottom into a second collapsed position in which each of said upright sides is adjacent to and substantially parallel with respect to said plane of said planar bottom and wherein each of said upright sides includes a flexible corner intermediate an end of any two of said adjacent upright sides; and

(c) a planar top that is adapted to cover an opening on top of said collapsible luggage when said collapsible luggage is in said first position and in said second position.